

SPRING HILL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Member of the United North Side Ministry  
 Rev. John R. Bucher                      Mrs. Edna Brunner  
 Pastor                                      Organist  
 Church - 321-1975                      Robert Arbogast  
 Home - 761-7611                      Acolyte

Sunday April 30, 1972    9:30 A.M.    4th Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE "A Song of Service". . . . . A. Boyd  
 CALL TO CELEBRATION  
 M. O God, there is no way to escape you-no place to hide.  
 C. If we ascend to the heights of joy, you are there before  
 us. If we are plunged to the depths of despair, you are  
 there to meet us.  
 M. May your all-knowing, everywhere-present Spirit continue  
 to search out our feelings and thoughts.  
 C. Deliver us from that which may hurt or destroy us, and  
 guide us along the paths of love and truth.

\*A SONG OF PRAISE - No. 15  
 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\*A PRAYER OF PETITION AND PRAISE  
 \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS No. 554

A WORD ABOUT OURSELVES: (unison)  
 Gracious Father, we stand before you as condemned men,  
 condemned by our thoughts, our words, our deeds. We are  
 caught by pride that we cannot escape. We are trapped in  
 our wholly selfish lives, unable to give, only able to  
 take. We find ourselves protective of our own intolerance  
 of others, and deaf to the anguished cries of need all  
 about us. Undeservingly, we ask that you forgive and free  
 us, through your Son, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON No. 545  
 . . . AND GOD'S ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A SONG OF NEED - No. 300  
 "Rise Up, O Men of God!"

A WORD WHICH CHALLENGES  
 Epistle - James 1:12-18  
 Gospel - John 16:5-15  
 \*GLORIA PATRI No. 511

A STATEMENT OF THE FAITH WE SHARE (front of hymnal)

A SHARING OF CONCERNS

A MESSAGE OF THE FAITH WE SHARE  
 RESPONSE NO. 523

SERMON - "Not Needed: Bifocals, Blinders, or Binoculars"  
 Text - Genesis 13:14

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S CHALLENGE  
 BY SHARING THEIR TALENTS  
 ANTHEM "Together Lovely"

BY SHARING THEIR GIFTS  
 \*RESPONSE No. 537

BY SHARING THEIR PRAYERS  
 \*SILENT PRAYER  
 \*PASTORAL PRAYER  
 \*LORD'S PRAYER  
 \*SURSUM CORDA No. 552  
 \*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

\*A SONG TO GO WITH - No. 375  
 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

POSTLUDE "Ceremonial March . . . . . M. Dillen  
 (\*-congregation standing)

We welcome Lay-minister Ralph C. Link as our guest speaker  
 this morning. Mr Link, a son of St. Paul's Church, is now  
 a student for the ministry at Lancaster.

Monday May 1st-7:30 P.M.  
 Planning meeting at the church. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday May 3rd - 6:30 P.M. Spring Dinner (smorgasbord)  
 at the First U.P. Church Union Avenue. A Singing Minister  
 will be in charge of the program. Reservation \$2.00  
 if planning to attend see Wilma Lersch.

It will soon be time for Women's Fellowship to turn in  
 the offering of the Least Coin. This is a world wide  
 project for mission work. Thousands of women join their  
 sisters in Christ in praying for one another as they set  
 aside a "least coin" each month. (For us 12 pennies) Any  
 woman wishing to join in this project can contribute  
 twelve cents to Wilma Lersch sometime in May.

Any member interested in purchasing the dance may submit  
 sealed bid to Mr. Henry Pfeifer or Mr. George Yetter.

Friday May 5th-Women's Fellowship meeting 8 A.M.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Member of the United North Side Ministry  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

John R. Bucher, Pastor  
Paul Alcoyi, Lay Minister  
Ralph C. Link, Lay Minister  
Esther W. Herwig, Organist and Director

4th Sunday after Easter April 30, 1972

ORGAN PRELUDES

a) "Inspiration" by Lemare

b) "Intermezzo" by Guilmant

MEDITATION - "Savior Like a Shepherd"

\* SOLEMN ANNOUNCEMENT

\* INTROIT for the 4th Sunday after Easter

M. O sing unto the Lord a new song:

C. For he hath done marvellous things.

M. The Lord hath made known his salvation.

C. His righteousness hath he openly showed  
in the sight of the heathen.

\* GLORIA PATRI

\* COLLECT for the 4th Sunday after Easter

HYMN #15 - "Praise Thou the Lord" (1-3)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle - James 1:12-18

Gospel - John 16:5-15

\* DOXOLOGY

\* STATEMENT OF FAITH

(Inside the front cover of your hymnal)

ANTHEM - "My Music Is My Prayer" by Mueller

SILENT PRAYER and PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY - "Galilee" by Mathews

OFFERING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN #178 - "O for a Closer Walk with God"

SERMON - "Not Needed: Bifocals, Blinders,  
or Binoculars" Text: Genesis 13:14b

SERMON PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN #267 - "My Hope Is Built"

\* BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE - "Recessional" by Jefferies

(\* - congregation standing)

Our altar flowers have been placed in memory  
of Miss Clara E. Willome by the  
Schoeneweiss family.

We welcome the return of Mr. Ralph C. Link,  
Lay Minister and student for the ministry  
at Lancaster Theological Seminary, as our  
guest speaker this morning.

There will be a brief meeting of the Finance  
Committee following the service this morning.

TUESDAY MAY 2nd

3:30 P.M. Final meeting of the Children's  
Craft Program at St. Paul's Church.

WEDNESDAY MAY 3rd

6:30 P.M. Our ladies are invited to a  
dinner at the First United Presbyterian  
Church of Allegheny. Your reservation  
(\$2.00) must be given today to Mrs.  
Helen Hertler.

FRIDAY MAY 5th

7:30 P.M. Church School Board meeting.

SUNDAY MAY 7th

We will ask this year's graduates to take  
part in the service next Sunday morning.

THURSDAY MAY 11th - ASCENSION DAY

6:15 P.M. Covered Dish Dinner and get-  
together for the families and friends of  
St. Paul's Church, sponsored by our  
Sunday school. When you receive your  
letter this week, please mark the number  
coming and circle the food you would like  
to bring as your share of our supper.  
Mail or bring it to the church by next  
Sunday. A hymn sing and program are  
being planned for this "final fling".

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Overall, this is 1972 and is not marked by the label of being that old-fashioned or even by the label of fundamentalism.

All my friends who are living in a very real and exciting age. We are all of the same generation that today would be layout. We may have some things and others that are small-people simply would not believe if they were to go back to earth today, but the basic fact remains that there are some values and some things that are a part of style.

John Wesley was the founder of the Methodist movement. He is considered to be a fundamentalist, but listen to what some people say about him, ----- (Illustration of Wesley).

Yes, "To offer Christ," is still the answer to the problems and the troubles of our kind. Now if this makes you feel a kind of way to say this or even to think it that I feel and would be a part. The real core of the explanation of Christ is our churches, our loss of politics, and the much solution of the Bible that exists and the answer to the Vietnam problem. I do not say that these things are not important for the Christian and the world, should not be discarded, but I am saying that what can be found in the newspaper and seen on television should be a part of the way we are going to bring this to the American public. We should leave the politics to political people and have the ministers disagree the media to show the ill of all people and that Jesus is still, and always will be Jesus Christ. We say with pride or with others who is to continue to push the churches closer to the fall to end which they have been heading.



Instead of looking off into the distance, you have had radiation that the object will be being taken out at a given time and place, so you have to find a way to find it in the world. It is a very difficult thing to do, and it is a very difficult thing to do, even the person who is to be changed.

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One of the greatest responsibilities of the church is to be a light to the world. This is a very difficult thing to do, and it is a very difficult thing to do, even the person who is to be changed. It is a very difficult thing to do, and it is a very difficult thing to do, even the person who is to be changed.

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Shirley & Ralph Charles Link, Nancy Link, Dale with Lianne his wife, Lloyd Link with Karen his wife  
Jessica in front of Ralph C. Link  
Ethan and Alisha in front of R. Dale and Lianne Link (the eldest son & family)



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Ralph C. Link  
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Born: April 9, 1929, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Married: December 15, 1951  
Wife: Shirley Margaret Neill  
Born: December 8, 1930, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Children: Ralph Dale Link, born May 11, 1955, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Lloyd Alan Link, born May 28, 1958, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Nancy Lynn Link, born March 15, 1961, Butler, Pa.

**SCHOOLING:**

Graduated from Perry High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
June 1947

Lay Ministry School, Penn West Conference of United  
Church of Christ, September 1965 to May 1969

Commissioned Lay Minister June 1969

Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.,  
September 1970

Graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary May 1974

Ordained to Christian Ministry March 10, 1974

**PASTORATES:**

As Lay Minister: short term, 1 month or less in  
various churches 1965 to 1967

Emlenton Lamartine Charge of United Church of Christ  
1967 to 1969

Short term in various churches 1970 until Seminary  
entrance July 1970

July 1970 to December 1973 Student Pastor at Trinity  
Charge, New Bloomfield, Duncannon, Pa., Penn Central  
Conference, United Church of Christ

December 1973 to present, St. Paul's United Church of  
Christ, Butler, Pa., Penn West Conference, United  
Church of Christ

## PERSONAL TESTIMONY

OF

Ralph C. Link

I am the youngest of five children. I was born just prior to the onset of the Depression. Our family was very poor. My father was an alcoholic and my mother was a very religious person who was searching for the Lord. During my childhood she did her best to teach me the things of the Lord. Later in life she came to a personal relationship with Him.

I grew up in the Evangelical and Reformed Church where salvation by grace alone was not preached nor taught. I knew all about Jesus, what He did, how He lived, His miracles, His death and resurrection, but I didn't know Him personally.

My life had many ups and downs and all the while I was attending church and striving with my good works to please God. At a very low point in my life when we were deeply in debt and my wife and three children were all ill, I came to the crossroads. I watched a Billy Graham Crusade on television from some distant city and the message he preached seemed to be directed right at me. I wrestled with making that commitment to Christ, but didn't. The next afternoon and evening at work on the 4 to 12 shift I came to the conclusion that I needed to make that commitment to Christ. It seemed like there was no other choice if life was to have any meaning. That night when I came home from work at 1:00 A.M., I laid face down on the living room floor and told God that I couldn't live my life in my own strength and I accepted the gift of salvation from my Savior Jesus Christ. My life has never been the same.

Through several meaningful circumstances I was called by God to serve Him in the Christian Ministry and to help spread that wonderful message of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What a wonderful and rewarding time it has been and I give Him all the praise for my salvation and the opportunity to serve Him.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

OF

Ralph C. Link

I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired inerrant Word of God. I believe the Bible is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and it is the final authority for the Christian faith and life.

I believe in one God, who is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is true God and true man. I believe that He was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived in sinless life, that He performed the miracles recorded in Scripture, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, that He bodily arose from the dead, that He ascended on high where He is at the right hand of Almighty God as our intercessor.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and that He comes and indwells each believer at the time of conversion. I believe that He lives in each believer to lead, to instruct, and to convict so that a believer may live a more godly life.

I believe that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and through His resurrection, this is the only ground for justification and salvation for all who receive Him. A Lord and Savior and to such as receive Him, they are born of the Holy Spirit and become children of God.

I believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church but are not means of salvation.

I believe in the personal and premillennial and imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe in the resurrection of the dead, for the believer to resurrection of life and joy with the Lord, for the unbeliever to resurrection of judgement and everlasting punishment.